

## City Items.

Mr. Sonnie Brown is still in the city. Miss Lizzie Scott and Mrs. Sarah Butler, will go to Philadelphia during the holidays.

Miss Effie M. Middleton will visit her relatives in New York during the Christmas holidays.

Miss Jeannette E. Anderson who was seriously ill last week is fast improving under the medical care of Dr. Francis.

Editor Thomas Fortune of New York was in the city last week.

Mr. E. E. Cooper of The Colored American has arrived in the city.

Mr. W. Calvin Chase, Jr., has opened his printing office at 1212 Fia. ave, N. W.

Recorder John C. Dancy left the city last week to be gone several days.

Mr. Scott the father of Attorney F. W. Scott is quite ill at his home in North Carolina.

Mr. Morgan N. Beach has been appointed United States Attorney to succeed Judge Gould.

Attorney L. M. King, of the District bar will argue a case before the Court of Appeals shortly.

Mr. E. Murray created a sensation in his ice cream Thanksgiving. It was the prettiest cream that he has yet sent out of his place.

Mr. J. T. Burkley, of Fauquier County, Va., passed through the city for Jersey City, N. J., on Friday.

Messrs. W. Calvin Chase and T. L. Jones called on the Attorney General and the President yesterday relating to the District attorneyship.

Mr. Robert D. Douglass, formerly paying teller of the Capital Savings, will open a real estate office.

Recorder H. P. Cheatham is in the city. He was in conference with several of his political friends on the southern situation. Mr. Cheatham will no doubt be one of the next delegates from the south to the next National republican convention.

Exercises commemorative of Mrs. Rubie H. Dabney, deceased will be held under the auspices of the memorial committee at Zion Baptist Church F. St. at 2:30 P. M. Sunday Dec. 14, 1902. Addresses and eulogies will be delivered by several prominent persons. The names of the speakers and members of the committees will appear in the Bee next week.

Mr. W. C. Martin who so ably represented Travelling Pilgrims Lodge No. 2358 G. U. O. of O. F. in the eleventh B. M. C. which met in New Haven, Conn., seventh of October last made his report to that lodge Friday evening the 21st inst. nearly every member of the lodge was present and extended a most hearty welcome to delegate Martin, who informed them of the recognition accorded him by the Grand Master and the B. M. C. and the work of that body.

A vote of thanks was extended him. Among the visiting brothers were Mr. Henry Braxton of Rose Hill lodge No. 1726, and Mr. Williams of Free Grace lodge No. 1343.

## Funeral of Howard L. Pierce.

The funeral of Howard L. Pierce, the Pullman car porter who died at his residence, No. 359 G. St. southwest, Friday morning last, was held last Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock from the Zion Baptist Church, F. street near 4 1/2 street. Rev. William J. Howard, D. D., officiated. Interment was made at Harmony cemetery. Owing to the extreme size of the deceased it was necessary to have a specially constructed casket made in New York. It is stated that the casket was one of the largest ever used in the city.

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That the subscriber, of the District of Columbia has obtained from the Probate Court of the District of Columbia, letters of administration on the estate of Henry W. Huskins late of the District of Columbia, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, legally authenticated to the subscriber, on or before the 25th day of October, A. D. 1902, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 25th day of October 1902. Estelle R. Huskins 1629 12th street, northwest.

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Once more it is demonstrated that the graduates of the national naval academy at Annapolis constitute the only self-centered monopoly in this country, and that they control the navy department.

The course of study and instruction at Annapolis has been reduced from four years to three years, upon the ground that the supply of commissioned officers is inadequate to the needs of the navy, and that more Annapolis graduates will have to be turned out quickly or our naval es-



CAPT. W. H. BROWNSON. (New Superintendent of Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.)

tabishment will go to the bow-wows. The inference is that no one save a graduate of the national academy is worthy of commissioned rank in the United States navy.

Why should such a preposterous pretense be allowed to hamper the progress of the navy? Why should the naval establishment of a republic be turned into a nursery for a Brahmin class—the only restricted aristocracy in this country?

The present head of the army is not a West Pointer. Hardly one-fourth of the officers of the rank of colonel and above are graduates of the national military academy. It is admitted without question that a man may be a good military officer, though he has not passed through West Point. Yet the naval clique which controls the navy department has been able to enforce upon the country for years the proposition that no man is fit to bear a commission in the United States navy unless he has graduated from the academy at Annapolis.

The grudging and insignificant concession through which six warrant officers are yearly allowed to make application for commissioned rank, amounts to nothing. Even if a man is thoroughly competent professionally, it will be urged against him as it was urged against Gunner Morgan, that he "lacks social qualifications."

There is no excuse for such a condition of affairs. Annapolis is no more sacred than West Point. The president should have the authority, and he should exercise that authority, to appoint from civil life officers of the merchant marine who are competent professionally. The social qualifications should cut no figure whatever. Moreover, warrant officers and enlisted men should be eligible to commissions, just as non-commissioned officers and privates in the army are eligible to shoulder straps. In other words, says the Chicago Chronicle, the notion that Annapolis graduates alone are competent to officer American warships should be thoroughly exploded. It is a snobbish pretense that has held sway altogether too long.

## FILIPINOS TRUST HIM.

Gen. James F. Smith's Appointment as Philippine Commissioner Pleases the Natives.

Gen. James F. Smith, of California, has been appointed a member of the Philippine commission, to succeed



GEN. JAMES F. SMITH. (Recently Appointed a Member of the Philippine Commission.)

Bernard Moses, who is to retire January 1.

Gen. Smith filled the important office of collector of customs for the Philippine islands, where he showed marked administrative ability. He resigned to accept his present position as associate justice of the supreme court of the Philippine islands. Judge Smith is a prominent Catholic. It will be recalled that he accompanied Gov. Taft on his recent visit to the vatican, in Rome, returning with Gov. Taft to resume his duties on the supreme bench.

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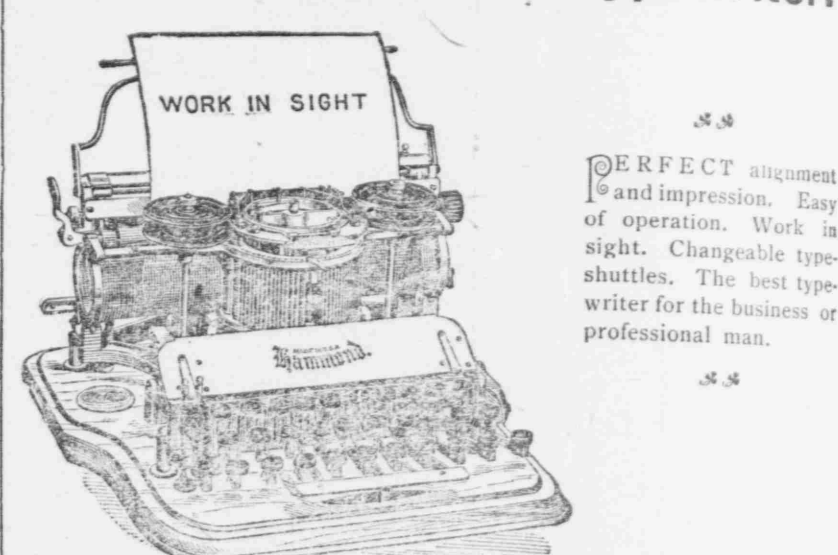
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